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SINO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS
CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Ha-erh-pin

During the 4 years of its existence, the Ha-erh-pin Sino-Soviet Friendship Association has held five large exhibitions of pictures of Russia and 140 smaller ones.

The purpose of the Association is to acquaint Chinese with conditions in Russia. It publishes a monthly magazine, "Introducing Russia," which has had a maximum circulation of 10,000 copies.

The Association formerly emphasized work with cadres, but now directs its attention to the workers.

Russian and Chinese language classes are promoted and a semimonthly Russian-language magazine is planned for the use of students. Motion pictures, theatricals, and athletic exhibitions are additional promotion media used. The recent membership drive brought 16,000 applications. Membership is open to all persons over 16 years of age.

The Ha-erh-pin branch of the new Democracy Youth Corps has voted to include all its members of the SSFA and to support the Association with its resources.

Mu-tan-chiang and Chi-lin

Associations have also been organized at Mu-tan-chiang and Chi-lin (Kirin). There are 1,500 members at Chi-lin. Russian-language classes are conducted.

Liaotung

A general meeting of 150 delegates from branches in many cities in Liaotung was held recently.

Lu Chi-en (Ueda: 1222, 605, 3292) was elected chairman of the provincial association.

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Chia-mu-ssu and Sui-fen-ho

Six hundred persons were present at a recent meeting of the Association at Chia-mu-ssu and 300 at Sui-fen ho.

Ta-lien and Lu-shun

The Ta-lien (Dairen) and Lu-shun (Port Arthur) Associations report 210,000 members with 700 branches, 170 of which are in industry. There are 130 full-time workers in this area.

In the past 4 years 2,000 commemorative meetings have been held on important Russian revolutionary dates. These meetings were attended by over one million persons. The Association maintains a Sino-Soviet theatre where over 600 Russian films have already been shown. A book store is operated and 600,000 pamphlets have been published. A monthly magazine contributes further to the purpose of the Association.

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